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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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SUBJECT: ATTACK ON POLICE MOBILE UNIT

REF: GABORONE 1395

1. FOLLOWING STATEMENT FROM OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT WAS
BROAD - CAST ON RADIO BOTSWANA EVENING OF OCTOBER 14:

QUOTE.

A SPOKESMAN FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT AT
11:30 P.M. ON SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER SOME SHOTS WERE FIRED TOWARDS
THE POLICE MOBILE UNIT CAMP NEAR KAZUNGULA. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
WHO TOOK PART IN THE ATTACK HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED BUT IT IS
KNOWN THAT ABOUT 70 SHOTS WERE FIRED FROM AUTOMATIC RIFLES AND
THREE FLARES FROM A VEREY PISTOL. NONE OF THE SHOTS HIT ANY OF
THE MEN OR EQUIPMENT IN THE CAMP AND IT APPEARS FROM BULLET MARKS
ON THE SURROUNDING TREES THAT MOST OF THE SHOTS WERE FIRED OVER
THE HEADS OF THE POLICEMEN. MEMBERS OF THE P.M.U. RETURNED THE
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FIRE AND THE ATTACKERS FLED.

A PATROL WAS THEN SENT OUT TO SEARCH THE SURROUNDING AREA BUT THE ATTACKERS WERE NOT FOUND. THE WHOLE AREA HAS SINCE BEEN SEARCHED BUT IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE THE ORIGIN OR IDENTIFY OF THE ATTACKERS NOR TO WHICH COUNTRY THEY FLED. IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED HOWEVER, THAT THE SHOTS CAME FROM THE DIRECTION OF BOTSWANA'S BORDER WITH RHODESIA.

A REPORT THAT TWO ARMED MEN WEARING CAMOUFLAGE UNIFORM SPOKE TO A RESIDENT OF THE AREA ON SUNDAY MORNING AND ASKED FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE POLICE MOBILE UNIT AND REFUGEES IN THE AREA HAS BEEN INVESTIGATED BUT NO EVIDENCE HAS BEEN FOUND TO SUBSTANTIATE THE REPORT. END QUOTE.
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